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SUBJECT: EA/PRCM WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

1. AMBASSADOR CHAI'S APPOINTMENTS (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

AFTER MEETING WITH YOU, DR. BRZEZINSKI, AND SECRETARIES
BLUMENTHAL AND SCHLESINGER THIS WEEK, AMBASSADOR CHAI WILL
SEE THE VICE PRESIDENT ON MONDAY AT 2:15 P.M. THE BERGLAND
CALL HAS BEEN PUT OFF TO SEPTEMBER 8 TO GIVE US TIME TO
ALLOW SECRETARY BERGLAND TO MAKE THE INITIAL PRESENTATION
ON HIS TRIP TO CHINA. CALLS ON MRS, KREPS, FRANK PRESS,
CONGRESSMAN O'NEILL, AND OTHERS ARE STILL PENDING.

2. S AND T INITIATIVE WITH CHINA (SECRET)

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TOM PICKERING OF OES, SCOTT HALLFORD AND I ATTENDED A
WORKING-LEVEL PRESIDENTIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 16 CHAIRED BY BEN HUBERMAN AND ANNE KEATLEY OF OSTP
TO TAKE STOCK OF VARIOUS AGENCY AND TASK FORCE PROPOSALS
FOR S AND T COOPERATION WITH CHINA. HUBERMAN PROPOSED AN
AUGUST 25 DEADLINE FOR PREPARING A PAPER FOR THE PRESIDENT

THAT WILL SUMMARIZE THE PROPOSALS AND FOCUS ANY ISSUES FOR PRESIDENTIAL DECISION.

3. AGRICULTURE AND JOURNALIST DELEGATIONS (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

THE CHINESE AGRICULTURE AND JOURNALISTS DELEGATION BOTH APPEAR TO BE GOING WELL. YOU ARE AWARE OF THE SUCCESSFUL BRIEFING SESSION THE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT PUT ON FOR THE AGRICULTURE GROUP IN MINNEAPOLIS LAST SUNDAY AND THERE IS EVERY INDICATION THAT THEY ARE GETTING A THOROUGH INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN AGRICULTURE. THE JOURNALISTS DELEGATION WILL MEET WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT ON MONDAY. THE SECRETARY IS NOW GOING TO BE OUT OF TOWN AND CANNOT MEET THE GROUP HERE, SO WE WILL TRY TO GET THE DEPUTY SECRETARY TO DO THE HONORS.

4. US-PRC STUDENT/SCHOLAR EXCHANGES (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

AT THE DIRECTION OF THE WHITE HOUSE, THE TASK FORCE ON EXCHANGES MUST SUBMIT (BY COB TOMORROW) AN OPERATIONS PLAN FOR A PILOT PROGRAM WHICH PLACES 50 PRC STUDENTS/SCHOLARS IN US UNIVERSITIES AND INSTITUTIONS THIS SEPTEMBER AND SENDS 5 AMERICAN STUDENTS TO CHINA THIS FALL. THE TASK FORCE ALSO HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO PREPARE AN OPERATIONS PLAN FOR AN EXPANDED PROGRAM FOR 500 PRC STUDENTS,
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PRESUMABLY BY NEXT FALL.

5. NATIONAL COUNCIL TO HOST MORE CHINESE DELEGATIONS (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR US-CHINA TRADE HAS JUST RECEIVED CHINESE REQUESTS TO HOST TWO MORE DELEGATIONS TO THE US IN SEPTEMBER--A NON-FERROUS METALS GROUP TO LOOK AT US COPPER, ALUMINUM, MANGANESE, NICKEL, AND ZINC MINING AND PROCESSING AND A RAILROAD ENGINE DELEGATION. THE LATTER GROUP WILL VISIT GENERAL ELECTRIC, GENERAL MOTORS, AND WABCO. ADDED TO THE METALLURGICAL DELEGATION ALREADY HERE AND THREE NATIONAL COUNCIL IMPORTER DELEGATIONS ON GARMENTS, ARTS AND CRAFTS AND NATIVE PRODUCE, THE NEW REQUESTS GIVE THE COUNCIL A VERY ACTIVE AUGUST-SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE AND UNDERLINE ITS GROWING ROLE IN COORDINATING CHINESE DELEGATION VISITS.

6. CHINESE GRAIN INSPECTION DELEGATION (CONFIDENTIAL)

A CHINESE DELEGATION FROM CEROILFOOD, THE TRADE CORPORATION RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPORTING GRAIN, HAS ACCEPTED AN

INVITATION FROM CONTINENTAL GRAIN COMPANY TO LOOK AT CONTINENTAL'S FACILITIES FOR SELECTING, ASSEMBLING, TESTING AND LOADING GRAIN FOR EXPORT. THE CHINESE HAVE REPORTEDLY DISCOVERED TCK SMUT CONTAMINATION IN A NUMBER OF CONTINENTAL GRAIN SHIPMENTS THIS SUMMER. THEIR VISIT IS AN ENCOURAGING SIGN OF WILLINGNESS TO SEEK A TECHNICAL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. THE GROUP IS EXPECTED TO INCLUDE SENIOR CHINESE TECHNICIANS IN COMMODITY INSPECTION, QUARANTINE, AND TRANSPORTATION AND TO VISIT CONTINENTAL FACILITIES AT CHICAGO, MINNEAPOLIS, NEW ORLEANS, TAKOMA, AND PORTLAND. THE CHINESE HAVE REQUESTED THAT THEIR VISIT BE KEPT UNOFFICIAL AND GIVEN NO PUBLICITY.

7. TEXTILES, CLOTHESPINS AND WORK GLOVES (CONFIDENTIAL)
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NEXT WEDNESDAY, AN INTERAGENCY GROUP WILL BE MEETING TO DISCUSS THE TYPE AND MODALITIES OF A USG APPROACH TO THE PRC CONCERNING TEXTILE EXPORTS TO THE US. AN INTER-AGENCY GROUP HAS ALREADY HAD A FIRST MEETING TO DISCUSS THE USG POSITION REGARDING THE ITC RECOMMENDATION FOR QUOTAS ON PRC CLOTHESPIN EXPORTS TO THIS COUNTRY.

THE ITC REJECTED THE WORK GLOVE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION REQUEST FOR US RESTRAINTS ON WORK GLOVE IMPORTS FROM THE PRC IN MARCH, BUT THIS ISSUE IS COMING BACK TO HAUNT US. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT PRC WORK GLOVE EXPORTS TO THE US FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR ALREADY EQUAL CHINA'S TOTAL SHIPMENTS IN 1977 (1 MILLION DOZEN PAIR).
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